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YOU'RE
ALL AS GOOD
AS **DEAD**
TO ME!!!

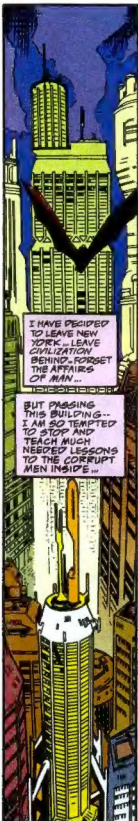
ALL THAT
MATTERS
NOW--

IS THE
**OPEN
ROAD!**

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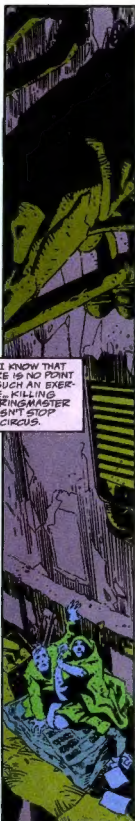
I HAVE DECIDED
TO LEAVE NEW
YORK... LEAVE
CIVILIZATION
BEHIND... FORGET
THE AFFAIRS
OF MAN...

BUT PASSING
THIS BUILDING...
I AM SO TEMPTED
TO STOP AND
TEACH MUCH
NEEDED LESSONS
TO THE CORRUPT
MEN INSIDE...



...EVEN AS I DID
TO THE MEN
WHO RULED
THIS EMPIRE!

BUT I KNOW THAT
THERE IS NO POINT
TO SUCH AN EXER-
CISE... KILLING
THE RINGMASTER
DOESN'T STOP
THE CIRCUS.



NO... MY LIFE, HOW-
EVER BIZARRE,
MUST BE FOR
SOMETHING BETTER
THAN THAT... AGAIN
I WILL NEED THE
CODEX MEXICANA,
AND LEAVE MAN-
KIND FOR THE
"VALLEY OF THE
BEASTS."



PLEASE, WE HAVE AN ENTRY PERMIT... MY FATHER HAS IT -- HE WORKS FOR YOUR COMPANY... HE USES IT TO GO TO WORK...

HE HASN'T COME HOME... SOMETHING IS WRONG... YOU MUST LET ME PASS... I MUST FIND HIM!

NO PERMIT-- NO ENTRY! GET OUT OF HERE, DECRED!



I HAVE TO FIND HIM! PLEASE LET ME PASS...!

YOU DON'T HEAR TOO WELL, DO YOU? LET ME PUT IT LIKE THIS...



GO ON, MAZ... DO IT! I'LL SAY SHE HAD A GUN IN MY REPORT...

'RAVAGE... WHY STOP? I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO GET AS FAR FROM THE CITY AS POSSIBLE...?'

"WE CAN'T JUST FLY ON OVER THEM... WE MUST DO SOMETHING...!"




YOU POINT YOUR WEAPON IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, LITTLE MAN...



YOU THINK YOU'RE THE FIRST DECRED LOSER TO TRY THAT LITTLE TRICK...?

OH, NO! OH... FOR SHOCK'S SAKE, THIS CAN'T BE REAL!

SHOOT, YOU FOOL! SHOOT!



MAKE IT SWIFT, RAVAGE...
I AM EAGER TO FLY ON!

HEY, SCUM!
PICK ON
SOMEONE
MY SIZE!

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SWAK!

LOSE THE
GUN, BOZO...
OR I MIGHT
GET REALLY
ANGRY!

WHAT DO YOU
WANT ME TO PUT IN
THE REPORT
WHEN I'VE
MANGLED YOU?

LOOK...WHOEVER YOU
ARE--THINK OF THE
CONSEQUENCES IF YOU
HURT ME...!

FOR INSTANCE--I MIGHT
BLOW A HOLE IN THE LADY'S
HEAD...! HOW DO YOU LIKE
THAT, FUR-FACE?

CH-THUNK!

OH, YEAH? WELL HOW
ABOUT IF
I--

AGHH!

IF I WERE YOU I'D
TURN AROUND AND TAKE
MY CHANCES ALONE--THE
CITY HOLDS ONLY MISERY
FOR THOSE IN IT.

THANKS
FOR AIDING
ME. BUT...

I KNOW MY
OWN BUSINESS...
I GO TO NEW YORK
TO SUPPORT MY
CHILDREN...MY-
MY HUSBAND WAS
KILLED LAST
MONTH BY
"TECH-RAIDERS!"

IF YOU KILL HER
I WILL RIP YOU
INTO RIBBONS OF
FLESH...SLOWLY!

YOU THINK I
SURVIVE OUT HERE BY
HELPLESSLY WAITING FOR
VIOLENT DEATH--?





HOODED MEN,
RAT FIVE! D'YOU
RECKON WE
KNOW 'EM?

MAYBE WE
SHOULD REMOVE
THEIR HOODS, RAT
TWELVE--AFTER
WE'VE KILLED 'EM,
OF COURSE!



PULL BACK!
PULL BACK,
YOU FOOLS!



HAH! YOU GOT
ONE! THAT'S MADE
THEM THINK!



YO, ROAD RATS!
I WANNA MAKE A
DEAL WITH YOU!

WHAT
KIND OF
DEAL? YOU
MESS WITH
US--YOU GOT
A PROBLEM
WITH ALL
THE ROAD
RATS!

WHAT...? WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING TO HIM FOR...?
KILL THEM! IT'S WHAT I
PAID YOU TO DO!



HIS HORSES ARE DOWN... I PRESUME HE PAID FOR PROTECTION NOT TRANSPORTATION?

I'LL GIVE YOU THREE HUNDRED FARM CREDITS... AND LET YOU TAKE THE PICK OF HIS CARGO--IF YOU BACK OFF.

AGREED!

YOU TRAITOROUS...
ASH!

KNIFE! KNIFE AMBROSE!
BUT YOU WORK FOR MACHINE
HEAD! THIS CARGO WAS GOING
TO PAY MY DEBT TO HIM!



C'MON, YOU LIZARD
DUNG! FIGHT ME
LIKE MEN!

BE GLAD TO,
MEL... TROUBLE IS--
I AIN'T EXACTLY WHAT
YOU'D CALL A MAN...
HA! HA!

YOU NEVER WAS
TOO SMART, MEL... HE
DON'T WANT WHAT YOU
OWE HIM... HE WANTS
EVERYTHING YOU
GOT!



IT'S IN THE
CONTRACT, MEL...
YOU FAIL TO PAY BY
TOMORROW...
MACHINE HEAD
GETS EVERY-
THING YOU
OWN!

IT LOOKS BAD DOWN
THERE... DO YOU WANT
ME TO FLY DOWN,
RAVAGE?

NO,
NO... WE
CAN'T GET
INVOLVED
IN EVERY
INJUSTICE
WE SEE!
AT LEAST
NOT UNTIL
WE LEARN
MORE...



...BY THE WAY--WHAT'S
YOUR NAME? I DON'T
KNOW WHAT TO
CALL YOU.

I'VE NEVER
HAD A NAME,
RAVAGE... WHAT
DO YOU THINK
WOULD SUIT
ME?

HMM. HOW ABOUT
OSCAR...? NO, UH...
SOMETHING MORE
DRAMATIC--WHAT
ABOUT FANG-KLAW...?
NO, THAT'S CORNY...
UH, LET ME SEE NOW...




OPEN THE
DOOR,
MELLINGER!



...MACHINE HEAD KNOWS MY
BROTHER IS DUE TO ARRIVE
TOMORROW MORNING--WITH
ENOUGH 'TECH TO PAY THE BILL
AND BUY OUR FAMILY A SEAT
ON THE RULING COUNCIL...!

WITH MY HUSBAND
ON THE COUNCIL, YOUR
SORT WILL FIND
THEMSELVES--

OH--DIDN'T I MENTION...?
THERE'S BEEN A TRAGEDY...
YOUR OLD MAN'S BEEN AM-
BUSHED BY TECH-RAIDERS!



HE'S DEAD AND YOU'RE
FINISHED...UNLESS YOU WANT TO TRY
YOUR LUCK AGAINST MACHINE HEAD IN
A 'LEGAL BATTLE.' HA! HA!

WE HAVE AN "ARTIFACT POSSESSION"
ORDER MADE OUT AGAINST YOUR
OLD MAN, LADY!

"ARTIFACT
POSSESSION"...? BUT
THAT ONLY COMES IN-
TO FORCE IF A PARTY
RENEGES ON A
DEBT...

HOW DARE
YOU! WHEN
MY HUSBAND
COMES HOME
HE'LL HAVE
YOU DRAGGED
BEFORE THE
COURT!

I KNOW! BLACK-WING!
WHAT DO YOU THINK...?

RAVAGE, PLEASE...
NO MORE! I
WOULD RATHER
HAVE NO NAME
THAN SUFFER
THIS!

OKAY!
LET'S DROP
IT FOR A WHILE...
CHECK OUT
THIS SMALL
TOWN...

...SEE HOW THE HUMAN RACE CON-
DUCTS ITSELF WITHOUT INTER-
FERENCE FROM THE LIKES OF
ALCHEMAX!

HALT!
STATE YOUR
BUSINESS!

YOU CARRY NO TECH TO
BARTER WITH... AND BEGGARS
ARE NOT ALLOWED IN TECH-
VILLE... BY ORDER OF MACHINE
HEAD! TURN AROUND OR
WE FIRE!

BEGGARS?! GRRR!
YOU PULL THAT TRIGGER
AND I'LL FEED YOU THE
GUN--UNDERSTAND?

ER... SOME-
TIMES WE LET IN
PEOPLE WHO HAVE
SPECIAL SKILLS.

YOU LOOK
FIERCE-- BUT
WHAT CAN YOU
DO? WHAT WAS
YOUR LAST
JOB?

JOB? WELL, MY LAST
POSITION WAS C.E.O. OF
A LARGE COMPANY IN
NEW YORK...

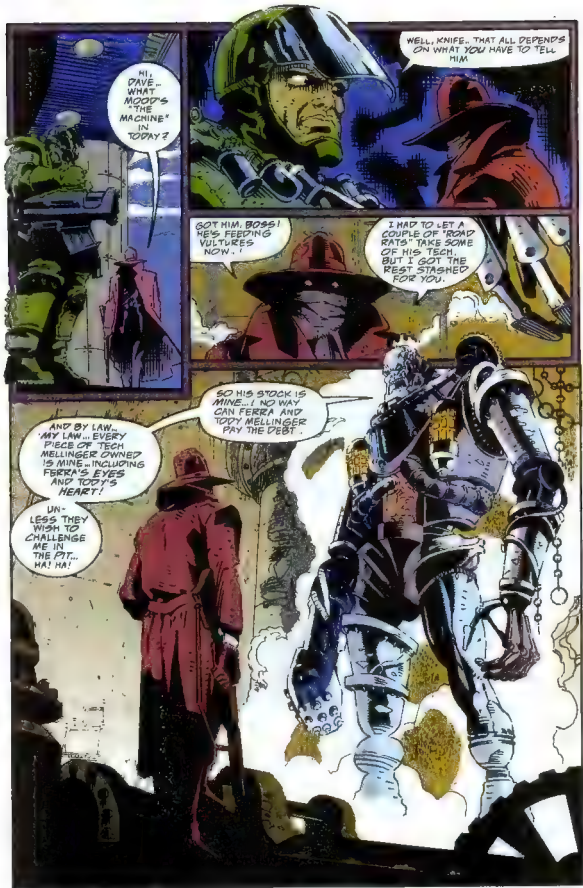
...DO YOU NEED
ANY EXECUTIVES
IN TECHVILLE?

NO-- BUT IF YOU CAN READ,
WE NEED LAWYERS... THE TOWN
LAWS ARE WRITTEN IN THE
MEETING HALL...

...YOU CAN PUT YOUR
FLYING ANIMAL IN THE
STABLES... AS LONG AS
IT DOESN'T BOTHER
THE HORSES!

OF COURSE
I CAN READ...
I ALSO HAVE
A DEGREE IN
CORPORATE
LAW.

I'LL GIVE THE STABLES
A MISS, RAVAGE... I'LL
FLY OFF AND GET MY-
SELF SOME DINNER!



HI,
DAVE...
WHAT
MOOD'S
"THE
MACHINE"
IN
TODAY?

WELL, KNIFE... THAT ALL DEPENDS
ON WHAT YOU HAVE TO TELL
MIM

GOT HIM, BOSS!
HE'S FEEDING
VULTURES
NOW..

I HAD TO LET A
COUPLE OF "ROAD
RATS" TAKE SOME
OF HIS TECH,
BUT I GOT THE
REST STASHED
FOR YOU.

AND BY LAW... EVERY
PIECE OF TECH
MELLINGER OWNED
IS MINE... INCLUDING
FERRA'S EYES
AND TODDY'S
HEART!

SO HIS STOCK IS
MINE... I NO WAY
CAN FERRA AND
TODDY MELLINGER
PAY THE DEBT.

UN-
LESS THEY
WISH TO
CHALLENGE
ME IN
THE PIT...
HA! HA!

THIS IS REALLY STUPID... THIS IS NOT AT ALL WHAT I INTENDED TO DO WHEN I LEFT NEW YORK...

IT LOOKS LIKE I DON'T NEED TO PUT MY SIGN UP... MY NAME IS FERRA MELLINGER... I'D LIKE TO HIRE YOU.

CHAMPION WANTED

LEGAL SERVICES

BUT YOU BETTER KNOW, STRANGER... YOU'LL NEED THOSE MUSCLES OF YOURS WHEN YOU DEFEND MY CASE AGAINST MACHINE HEAD, N "THE PIT."

MY NAME'S RAVAGE... AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT... BUT I'LL BE HAPPY TO DEFEND YOU

FOR A NEW MAN IN TOWN YOU JUST MADE **BAD** CONNECTION. FURBALL!

WATCH OUT, RAVAGE... THESE MEN ARE DANGEROUS!

SMACK!

GRRASH! THIS IS MY NORMAL LINE OF WORK! I'M FEELING BETTER ALREADY!



BIG MISTAKE, FUR-BALL.. BIG MISTAKE! MACHINE HEAD WILL HEAR OF THIS!

STAY OUT OF MY WAY OR I'LL RIP YOUR ARMS OFF

FERRA... TELL ME ABOUT THIS "MACHINE HEAD"... I'VE HEARD HIS NAME A FEW TIMES...

COME BACK TO MY HOUSE I WANT YOU TO MEET MY BROTHER-IN-LAW. WE'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT HIM

IF YOU'RE GONNA BE OUR CHAMPION, RAVAGE, THERE'S A FEW THINGS YOU GOTTA KNOW... THE LAW AROUND HERE'S MADE BY MACHINE HEAD.

EVEN SO... THERE IS A COURT, RIGHT? SURELY, EVEN THE LAW-MAKER MUST STICK TO THE LAWS?

HAH! THE COURT IS CALLED "THE PIT"... THE LAWYER-CHAMPION STATES HIS CASE, MACHINE HEAD LISTENS AND THEN SAYS HOW IT'S GONNA BE...

...APPEAL AND SENTENCE ARE THEN IMMEDIATELY CARRIED OUT.

THE CHAMPION APPEALS... MACHINE HEAD SMASHES HIM OR HER TO A PULP... AND THEN HE TURNS ON THE DEFENDANT...!

...TELL ME--HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE "VALLEY OF THE BEASTS"?

NEVER HAVE...

MAYBE OUT IN THE DEEP WILD? WE'RE TECH TRADERS AND THERE'S NO TECH OUT THERE

"TECH" IS ANY TECHNOLOGICAL ARTIFACT... WE USE IT AS BARTER CURRENCY...

...IT'S WHAT MY BROTHER TRADED IN... HE OWED SOME TO THE TOWN RULER--MACHINE HEAD--HE'S A RUTHLESS CY-BORG... NOT HUMAN AT ALL!



SAME SYSTEM THEY USE IN NEW YORK... THEY JUST RITUALIZE IT A LITTLE MORE...

OKAY I'LL BE YOUR CHAMPION BUT FIRST...

BUT THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH TECH, RAVAGE... THE REAL ISSUE IS THE FACT THAT MY BROTHER WAS ABOUT TO BUY OUR FAMILY INTO THE RULING COUNCIL. WE COULD HAVE CHANGED THINGS FOR THE BETTER!

SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU, RAVAGE... I'M GOING TO CHECK SOMETHING OUT...



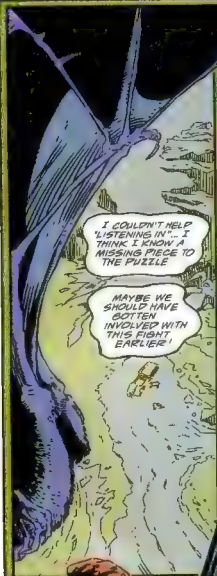
I HAVE FOUND MR
MELLINGER...



I SHALL FOLLOW THE
TRAILS LEADING
FROM THE SCENE...



WHAT HAVE WE
HERE...? A TRIBE OF
NOMADIC CYCLE
WARRIORS



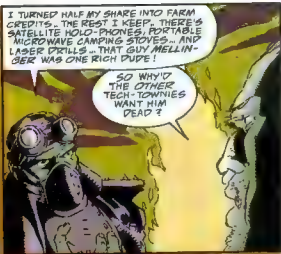
I COULDN'T HELP
'LISTENING IN'... I
THINK I KNOW A
MISSING PIECE TO
THE PUZZLE

MAYBE WE
SHOULD HAVE
GOTTEN
INVOLVED WITH
THIS FIGHT
EARLIER!





I SAW THESE TWO
AS WE FLEW OVER.



I TURNED HALF MY SHARE INTO FARM
CREDITS... THE REST I KEEP. THERE'S
SATELLITE MOBILE-PHONES, PORTABLE
MICROWAVE CAMPING STOVES... AND
LASER DRILLS... THAT GUY MELLIN-
GER WAS ONE RICH DUDE!

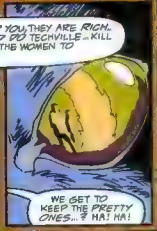
SO WHY'D
THE OTHER
TECH-TOWNIES
WANT HIM
DEAD?



BEATS ME! ALL
TOWNIES ARE MAD...
THEY HAVE NO
CODE OF HONOR.



YOU GOT THAT RIGHT... MIND YOU THEY ARE RICH...
I THINK ONE DAY WE SHOULD DO TECHVILLE... KILL
ALL THE MEN AND SELL ALL THE WOMEN TO
"SPACE TOWN."



WE GET TO
KEEP THE PRETTY
ONES...? HA! HA!



AND NOW, RAVAGE
I FEED!

AAAAAAAAA

YOU'RE SURE YOU'VE TOLD ME EVERYTHING... I'VE STUDIED THE TOWN LAWS... THEY ARE... BIZARRE BUT I THINK YOU HAVE A CHANCE

WHAT'S TO KNOW...? MACHINE HEAD RUNS THE TOWN. HE WROTE THE LAWS AND HE'S THE ONLY JUDGE!

YOU STILL SAY WE HAVE A CHANCE?

FERRA AND TONY MELLINGER COME WITH US! YOU CAN SEE YOUR FRIEND LATER... IF HE LIVES!

HEY, BEEF-HEAD! YOU WANNA PLAY ROUGH...?

RAVAGE, NO! IF YOU WANT TO SAVE US... DO YOUR FIGHTING IN THE PIT!

SO... THE VIOLENT STRANGER I HAVE HEARD ALL ABOUT YOU.

...BUT I WARN YOU, "BEAST-MAN". YOU MUST DEFEAT ME WITH MY OWN LAWS... OR I'LL RIP YOU TO PIECES!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, "YOUR HONOR"... YOU PLAY FAIR... AND SO WILL I.

WHY ARE MY CLIENTS BOUND? EVEN ACCORDING TO YOUR LAWS, THEY ARE FREE UNTIL JUDGMENT FALLS AGAINST THEM...!

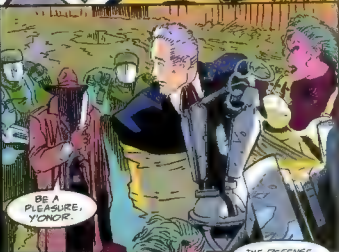
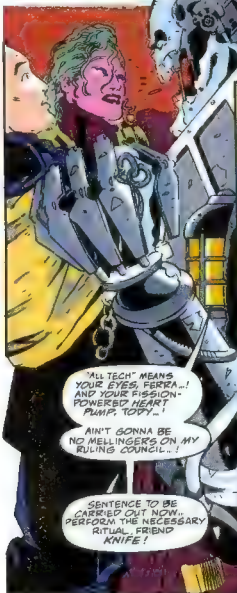
THEY SOME-TIMES TRY AND ESCAPE WHEN SENTENCE IS PASSED... AIN'T THAT RIGHT, YOUR HONOR?

CORRECT, FRIEND KNIFE. AND WATCH YOURSELF, LAWYER... I DON'T LIKE YOUR TONE.

RIGHT...WE'VE WASTED ENOUGH TIME! I HAD A LOAN
ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN MELLINGER AND MYSELF..

LAW SAYS, IF HE DON'T PAY
BEFORE THE DATE AGREED,
THEN EVERY BIT OF TECH
HE OWNS IS MINE!

AND BY
TECHVILLE LAW..
MY LAW.. THAT
INCLUDES ALL
TECH POSSESSED
BY HIS KIN..
THAT MEANS YOU
TWO LOSERS!



BE A
PLEASURE,
Y'ONOR.



THE DEFENSE
NOW PUTS ITS
CASE F YOU
COULD JUST
LOWER MY
CLIENTS TO
THE FLOOR ?

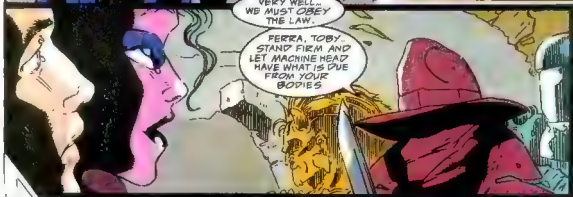
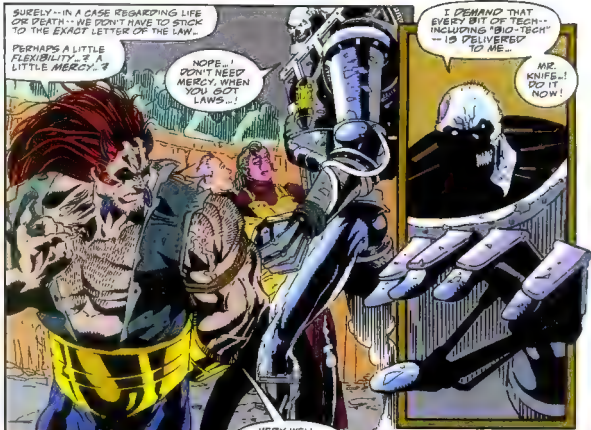
"ALL TECH" MEANS
YOUR EYES, FERRA...!
AND YOUR FISSION-
POWERED HEART
PUMP, TODAY...!

AIN'T GONNA BE
NO MELLINGERS ON MY
RULING COUNCIL...!

SENTENCE TO BE
CARRIED OUT NOW..
PERFORM THE NECESSARY
RITUAL, FRIEND
KNIFE!

WH..? ALL
RIGHT.. GET ON
WITH IT.

BUT YOU
BETTER BE
GOOD..



ALSO-- I HAVE EVIDENCE
THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIB-
LE FOR THE DEATH OF MY
CLIENT'S HUSBAND... I IN-
TEND TO PROSECUTE
YOU IN THIS PIT!

SO YOU KNOW
ABOUT THAT? IT
MAKES NO DIFFERENCE...
ALL THREE OF YOU
DIE NOW!

KRASH!

YOU
FIRST,
FURBALL!

I AIN'T USED TO
BEING INTERRUPTED
BY STRANGERS... NOW
WHERE WAS I...?

AH...
YES...

SAY
GOODBYE
TO SIGHT,
LOSER...!

HUH?!

GRRROAWLLL!



SNNNAAARRRL

I SHOULD
HAVE RIPPED
YOUR UGLY
CHASSIS TO
SHREDS AS
SOON AS I
WALKED INTO
TOWN!

YOU...
YOU
STILL
LIVE!?



YEAH...!
I "STILL LIVE",
BOZO!

WHICH IS
MORE THAN
YOU WILL!

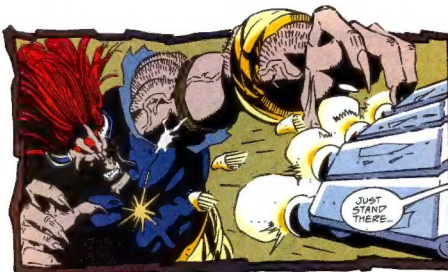
KNOCKOUT!

I WILL...
AASK!

YAAAY!
DO IT,
STRANGER...
SMASH
HIM!

YOU HEAR
THE CROWD?
THE PEOPLE ARE
SICK OF
TYRANNY! YOUR
TIME IS OVER,
TIN MAN...!
YOU'RE
FINISHED!

NO...MERCY...!
PLEASE, JUST--



THE CYBORG'S HEAD WON'T BRING YOUR HUSBAND BACK, FERRA... BUT IT WILL REMIND TOWNSFOLK ABOUT THE VALUES OF JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY...!

SWEET HEAVEN! THE WAY YOU...! WHAT KIND OF...?

I THINK IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON, RAVAGE...

YOU'RE NOT HUMAN...!

AH, THAT'S THE WHOLE PROBLEM, LADY... HUMAN IS EXACTLY WHAT I AM!

IF A FEW MORE HUMANS ACTED LIKE ME, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY MACHINE HEADS!

THAT WAS PRETTY DEPRESSING... I HOPE MANKIND GETS A LITTLE MORE REASONABLE... A LITTLE MORE INVENTIVE AS WE HEAD OUT INTO THE WILD...!

WELL, NEVER MIND... DID YOU FIGURE OUT A NAME FOR YOURSELF?

YEAH, I HAVE... IT'S FERRA...! SHE REALLY INSPIRED ME...

BY THE WAY... I DID MENTION THAT I'M FEMALE, DIDN'T I?

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Out Of My Head

Everybody assembled? Okay, here's our secret plan...

First, there's our Anniversary issues, all of which have really cool-looking covers! But nobody was content to have some kinda cover deal stand on its own, so we went all the way and decided to make issue #25 of the four original 2099 books **double-sized**! We pulled out the stops to present previews of upcoming characters and 2099 mags, to make our Anniversary something special!

Now, how do we keep your attention after that? We came up with an incredible event in one of our titles that'll be so daunting, so outrageous and far-reaching, that it'll pull the rug right out from under our universes, sending things reeling all over again! It's an event you've always wondered about, always wanted to see, but never figured we'd dare present it! From it, even more bizarre and strange occurrences will flow, touching every single 2099 book, and maybe even spinning off a mag or two (if we get our act together).

Curious? Of course you are...and so's the competition! Let's end this secret meeting now before somebody catches wise!

Dear 2099,

I have been reading the 2099 comics since the beginning. They are what got me interested in comics and I still say they're the best comics on the market or anywhere else for that matter. It's been a year now and if you don't mind I'd like to tell you what I like and, believe it or not, don't like about the characters.

Spider-Man... I like everything about him but I wouldn't mind seeing more of those great Peter Drey wisecracks.

Revenge... I'm glad to see he's finally gone back to his eco-warrior roots. It would be neat if his powers changed every once in a while. I'm curious about one thing—whatever happened to that garbage truck?

Doom... What's there not to like?

Punisher... I say again, what's there not to like?

X-Men... They have hardly any combat training, they're unorganized and their leader is losing his mind. If he doesn't get everyone killed, this book will be as good as the rest.

Hulk... Everyone says he doesn't have enough background or supporting cast to

have his own series, but what do you expect? He's only been in four stories over the last year, most of which were devoted to action.

Metalscream (2099 UNLIMITED)... lose the dopey sidekick. And please, no more heroes with wires hanging out of their heads.

Lachryma (2099 UNLIMITED)... However you pronounce her name, I like her.

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Lachryma is pronounced LACK-rim-ma. It's Latin for "tears." Everyone also seemed to like her too, Andy, so you'll see more of the vampiric vixen in an upcoming 2099 UNLIMITED.

Dear Joey, Matt and Lis,

The problem with setting fiction in the future is that the predictions always turn out to be false. Your distinguished competition has already blown up the planet Earth in the 30th century. They have to reverse that when the real 30th century arrives. As for your interpretation of the year 2099, are you assuming that no advancement would be made in alternate fuels within the span of 105 years? By the time the real year 2099 arrives, gasoline and polluting chemicals could very much be obsolete. We probably would be using solar power or a brand new renewable energy source. So much for Revenge. When the real year 2099 arrives poor Revenge will be updated so drastically that he won't even begin to resemble the 20th century version.

Problems in the 21st century won't even begin to match 20th century problems. It's arrogant to assume that since we have problems with pollution, capitalism, corporations and crime that future generations will have the same problems. If someone traveled back in time to the ancient Roman empire and gave them an Isaac Asimov book written in Latin, they'd toss it on the ground and call it trash. Likewise if someone traveled back in time from the real year 2099 and gave us all a Marvel comic from that era, even you guys'd toss it on the ground and call it trash. We are creatures of our era and we can't even begin to imagine what our descendants would be doing with our planet. Maybe the real year 2099 is a bit more optimistic than what you guys came up with.

We are creatures of our era. Why else

would you populate the phony year 2099 with characters that are already established? The real year 2099 would be populated with mostly original super heroes. Right now Revenge is the only original hero to have his own series. The other original heroes are shoved off with one-shot stories in 2099 UNLIMITED before diving off into limbo. The real 2099 would not do such injustice. Do more original heroes! Most of them'll have to be reinterpreted when the real 2099 arrives, but that's a job for Tom DeFalco's future replacement. Good luck to whomever that person is.

You guys are doing a good job, even if most of your stories set in the phony 2099 will be rendered obsolete 105 years in the future. Don't worry. It happens to everyone who writes science fiction. Comes with the territory.

Steven Henry

(Address withheld by request)

Geo, Steve, with all that tossing trash on the ground, how can you say there won't be any pollution in 2099? Actually, 2099 has developed solar sources, as well as maglev cars. We are creatures of our era, so most of it is about projecting present human hopes and fears on the future. But even if we don't accurately predict what comes to pass, it's fun guessing.

Dear RAVAGE 2099,

Revenge is excellent! The book and the writers are extraordinary! Pat and Tony are so good I didn't even know Stan Lee was gone until four issues later. By the way:

1) Is Throwback dead?

2) Is Dethstryk dead?


For all of you who think Revenge is just another vigilante, he's not. After all he's been through, who could blame him if he was? Yet instead, he's a true hero.

Henry McGough
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We're not spilling anything yet, Henry!

NEXT ISSUE

If you thought Ferre was a strange creature (the bat, not the girl), wait till you meet next issue's villain on the way to the Valley of the Beasts! And the Road Rats are back, too, in "Paradise Lost!"



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<http://todi.kicks-ass.net/forum>